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TAGS: SOCI, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: ECOSOC DRAFT CONVENTION ON CRIME OF APARTHEID

1. DRAFT CONVENTION ON SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIME OF APARTHEID, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AT 26 TH UNGA BY GUINEA AND USSR, WAS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AT 1973 SESSION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC). HRC RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 21-2 (US, UK) - 5 (NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, FRANCE, AUSTRIA).

2. AT SOCIAL COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC, HRC RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING DRAFT CONVENTION ADOPTED MAY 11, BY VOTE 32-2 (US, UK) - 11. PLENARY VOTE ON SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF DRAFT CONVENTION DUE TO TAKE PLACE MAY 17 OR 18. US ECOSOC DEL INFORMS THAT UK

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DEL IS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT ABSTENTION ON THIS
RES IN PLENARY VOTE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS MATTER AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL
AND URGE THAT UK DEL NOT CHANGE VOTE IN PLENARY. DEPT.
CONSIDERS NEGATIVE VOTE IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF
OVERRIDING REASONS OF PRINCIPLE, BOTH AS REGARDS
OBJECTIONABLE CONCEPT OF CONVENTION SETTING UP APARTHEID
AS INTERNATIONAL CRIME, AS WELL AS OBJECTIONABLE PROCEDURE
IN PRESSING TO FINAL APPROVAL DRAFT CONVENTION CONTAINING
SERIOUS TEXTUAL PROBLEMS IN HIGHLY COMPLEX FIELD OF

INTERNATIONAL LAW. DEPT. CONSIDERS CONVENTION OF THIS
NATURE SHOULD HAVE HAD CAREFUL STUDY BY COMPETENT TECH-
NICAL EXPERTS. BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND UK GOVT SHARES
THESE VIEWS, WE HOPE UK ECOSOC DEL WILL MAINTAIN NEGATIVE
VOTE. RUSH

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